

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

**[0001]** The present invention relates to a hydraulic processing tong, and in particular to a setting tong or setting ~~tog~~ tong machine for inserting and fixing functional or connecting elements, for example nuts, bolts or similar elements by means of joining and pressing into workpieces, made for example of sheet metal or sheet steel and/or for connecting workpieces, by means of clinching.

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

**[0004]** A special feature of the processing tong, according to the present invention, is a stroke reduction for the hydraulic pressure drive or pressure piston, by means of which the high force required for the processing, i.e. for pressing or clinching, is applied to the press ram designed, for example, as a plunger. The stroke reduction is achieved with the invention in that by means of a feed or closing drive first the press ram and preferably also a first tool part, in which this ram can move axially, are advanced so that a working gap is fully or nearly fully closed when a workpiece or workpieces are accommodated in it, i.e. when the processing tong is designed for inserting connecting elements in a workpiece, the ram bears against ~~he~~ the respective connecting element and supports itself against the bearing surface or opposite surface bearing against the workpiece. A subsequent slight stroke (continuing stroke) by the hydraulic actuating mechanism or the hydraulic pressure drive then exerts a high force to permanently fix the connecting element in the workpiece by means of pressing.

Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

**[0010]** Figs. Fig 3-5 depict a processing or setting tong of the workstation in Figure 1 in various states; ~~and~~

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[0011] Figs. Fig 6-9 depict a proceesing or setting tong according to a further possible embodiment in various states; and

Fig. 10 is a schematic representation of a toggle joint drive.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A The invention relates to a new design for a~~ hydraulic processing tong for processing workpieces, with a tool, has ~~which in a~~ first tool part with ~~has~~ an axially movable press ram or plunger, which with a first end or a tool located there and an opposing workpiece assembly forms a work area or work gap and with the first end can move toward and away from the workpiece assembly, and with a hydraulic actuating device for applying a force to the press ram, causing it to move in the direction of the workpiece assembly.